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New Members Hope to Maintain Shaker Standards

Barbara Gray

by Greg Epp

Barbara Gray, newly elected member of the Shaker Heights Board of Education, says that she will work to preserve the quality of Shaker education. Mrs. Gray ran on the Shaker Citizens' Committee slate with James Berick. The pair campaigned on a platform of "Participating Parents." Mrs. Gray feels that as an active P.T.A. member and as someone available during the day, she adds a dimension that has been missing recently on the school board.

Mrs. Gray and Mr. Berick were elected November 6 to fill the seats vacated by Allan Tomlinson and Charles Landefeld, whose terms have expired. The two will take office in January, joining present members Irwin Feldman, Katherine McWilliams, and Willie Williams.

Mrs. Gray's primary objective is to maintain the superior quality of education in Shaker. She sees finances as one challenge to be overcome in this area. "Inflation makes it difficult to provide the traditionally high level of education without always going back to the voters for more money," she explained. Mrs. Gray is also concerned that state and federal regulations are increasingly interfering with school boards' management of education. She feels it is very important to retain local control over school affairs.

Questioned about the effect of upcoming Minimum Competencies legislation, Mrs. Gray stated that regulations would only pose a threat if teachers were reduced to teaching toward the test as a goal instead of as a bare minimum. She also commented that the Shaker system had been very wise in preparing

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James Berick

by Andrea Nagy

James Berick was elected to Shaker Heights School Board in November. He ran on a platform with Barbara Gray and feels that their campaign slogan "Participating Parents" effectively summarizes his reasons for running. Mr. Berick, an attorney-at-law, has four children who have attended Shaker schools; he himself graduated from Shaker in 1951.

After living in Shaker Heights all of his life and going through the Shaker schools, he feels that he has a good idea of what Shaker wants and expects from its schools. "I didn't run because I was dissatisfied, but because we have good schools, a good superintendent, and a good school board, and I want to continue that standard," he said.

Mr. Berick stated that the school board's purpose is to work closely with the superintendent, to establish overall policies for the school system. He said that a problem to be faced in the coming years will

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Photograph by David Gray

James Berick and Barbara Gray, victors in the 1979 school board race.

Speakers Score Early Successes

by Wendy Weitzner and Paula Tuffin

Shaker debaters and speakers started off the 1979-1980 season with success, receiving honors in debate, humorous interpretation, extemporaneous speaking, and Student Congress.

On Saturday, November 3, Shaker hosted the first speech and debate tournament of the season, a competition among fifteen high schools. Those debating from Shaker in this tournament in the Junior Varsity were the teams of Geoff Heller and Sam Diener, and Paula Tuffin and Karen Swenson. The Intermediate division teams included Tom Colbert and Adam Schwartz, and Reuben Schwartz and Charles Berry. Carolyn Landever and Lisa Greber, and Rob Stupay and Alec Nagy represented Shaker in the Novice division.

Shaker's only entry in the Reading portion of the tournament, a humorous duet by David Pogue and Brian McCann, placed first out of 26 competitors from 11 schools.

Sophomore Rick Saada placed second in his first experience

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Shaker's football team fought its way to an L.E.L. Championship this season. Story on page 10. (Photo by Debbie Urbach.)

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

The article "A Health Hazard at Shaker" which was printed in the November 9, 1979 issue of The Shakerite, contains a number of statements which I feel need further clarification. Certainly, every individual has the right to express his or her opinion, and some of the comments in the letter do indeed require answers. However, had the individual who wrote the article asked the building Principal, or interviewed the Business Manager of the school district, he would have found out the answers to the questions he raised.

First of all, the Board of Education is deeply concerned about asbestos in our buildings and the problems it represents. The Superintendent of Schools long ago asked that the Business Office take a look into this matter. We have replaced a great deal of asbestos in the school buildings, and will continue to replace as much asbestos as we are financially able. Studies show that the twelve school buildings of the Shaker Heights School District contain 23 different types of asbestos material. Samples of all types have been sent to a laboratory for analysis to determine whether any type contains the sufficient level of fibers that have been potentially linked to cancer. It is important to recognize that not all asbestos is dangerous. Only those types which contain asbestos fibers, are exposed to the open air stream, and have been damaged to the point that asbestos fibers are released into the air, cause any potential threat relative to cancer. Certainly, if any sample analysis shows evidence of danger, that type of asbestos will be replaced immediately.

Secondly, many eminent scientists have cast a serious doubt on whether asbestos in the condition and levels found in the school buildings actually constitute a health hazard. National organizations such as the American Association of School Administrators have conducted thorough investigations to determine the danger of asbestos in school classrooms, and their conclusion is that there is no evidence to show that any level of the substance poses a serious health threat. Even the Environmental Protection Agency has not proven an "unreasonable risk" exists.

Locally, Dr. H. Scott Van Ordstrand, Emeritus Staff, Cleveland Clinic Foundation, and Founder of the Pulmonary Department of the Cleveland Clinic, was asked to comment on the danger of asbestos in school buildings. Dr. Van Ordstrand, who also is a Shaker resident, has been working with asbestos-related diseases since 1949. He had two comments which I would like to share with you.

1. There is a safe level of asbestos fibers in materials. It is highly improbable that an individual being exposed to such materials could ever inhale enough of the carcinogenic substance to cause problems, either immediately or twenty years from now. Virtually all asbestos in school buildings falls into the safe level category. Any type that does not would immediately be recognized if a sample is analyzed.

2. In his thirty-nine (39) years of research, Dr. Van Ordstrand has never found an asbestos-related case of cancer in any individual except those who manufacture the substance, or work with it on an everyday basis. The amount of exposure must be tremendous in order to offer even the slightest chance of acquiring the disease. Furthermore, he has never treated a case of lung cancer among asbestos workers in which the individual was not a smoker.

In conclusion, the Board of Education is extremely concerned about asbestos, and if we find that there are any dangerous types in our buildings, then the asbestos will be removed at once. This information could have been obtained by the author had he contacted my office. I am directly responsible for caring for the overall condition of the buildings in the school district.

Thank you for the courtesy extended in printing this letter to the Editor.

Very sincerely yours,

John A. Podgurski
Business Manager

Dear Mr. Podgurski,

It is regrettable that the author of "A Health Hazard at Shaker," Michael Scharf, did not speak with you before writing the article. However, Mr. Scharf did discuss the matter in advance with the building principal, the associate principal and the head custodian.

The primary purpose of the article was to point out those particular heating pipes, wrapped in asbestos, which were in disrepair. Since the article was published, the pipes have been repaired. The Shakerite staff would like to thank the administration for its cooperation.

We are relieved to learn of Dr. Van Ordstrand's findings concerning levels of dangerous asbestos in school buildings. Thank you for the concern that you and the Board of Education have expressed in this matter.

Sincerely,
Eric Shaffer, Editor-in-Chief

Dear Editor:

Thank you for the kind words concerning economics in the Nov. 9th issue of the Shakerite. However, I cannot share your jubilation concerning the so-called expansion of the economics course.

"There is no free lunch" and the real cost of a mandatory world civilization course will in part, I believe, be the demise of the present econ course. It is my understanding that any student wishing to take AP history in the 10th grade will be required to take the mandatory 9th grade course. These students have, for the most part, traditionally taken economics. To ask them or any others to take a second elective social studies course within the confines of a scheduled seven period day is an avoidance of reality.

To state that "... students will determine which course(s) will be cancelled by their enrollment

decisions ..." is a clear example of the fallacy of "post hoc, ergo propter hoc". If econ were allowed to compete equally (allow the student to choose which of the two courses he will take for credit) with the proposed course, then I would join in your conclusion and share your jubilation.

To add another history course to a social studies curriculum already dominated by history courses, at the cost of the econ course (to say nothing of what its effect will be on the other electives offered at the high school), brings me no joy! I have fought my battle and I have lost. I will continue to do what I can to promote the cause of economic education; and perhaps someday, the swing of the pendulum will allow others to join me in my quest.

Sincerely,
Sal Fabrizio

Your Letters

The Shakerite welcomes letters expressing all viewpoints. Letters should be as concise as possible and are subject to editing. All letters must include a signature and advisory group number. Submit letters to Mr. Randall in Room 100 or any Shakerite editor.

THE SHAKERITE

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Editorial

Smokers Unite

The horizontal egress, Hippie Hall, is a shambles. Cigarette butts cover the floor, the trash containers are battered and torn, and the doors and ceilings have been defaced. Is one to assume, then, that smoking is a filthy habit which breeds littering, destructive, irresponsible misfits? If not, certainly those who use the egress should take pride in their practice and make a unified effort to create a pleasant atmosphere in which to smoke.

A privilege such as a designated indoor smoking area should not be misused or mishandled as Hippie Hall has been. Action must be taken now to clean up the egress before it is closed. Those who enjoy this luxury must prove to the administration that they are worthy of it. Stop tossing those butts on the floor, quit writing on the benches, don't kick the trash cans! If indeed Hippie Hall were to be improved through the efforts of the smoking student body, the administration might in turn replace the trash cans, paint the benches, or even play music in the egress.

Opinion

Veterans Deserve More

by Rob Stupay

Veterans' Day is by us again. It whispered by on Sunday, November 11. Veterans' Day is not a regular holiday. It is a commemoration of the people who fought for our country. The people to whom this holiday is dedicated are people whom we know or to whom we are related. These people have greatly affected our lives. Yet it seems strange that this school only gave them thirty seconds in commemoration.

It is staggering to think how many soldiers have been killed in wars. It is even more staggering to comprehend the number of people wounded. It is impossible to comprehend the number of people who have served in the armed forces in either times of war or peace. Yet we gave them only thirty seconds.

Veterans' Day is a time to say that we remember those who have sacrificed for this country. If we do not remember them, then they have sacrificed and died in vain. Veterans' Day is also a time to say that we are sorry that there was a draft and they were required to serve. People gave their lives for this country; we gave them thirty seconds.

Given the fact that we were not let out of school, we should have had more time to remember than thirty seconds. There should have been at least an all-school assembly dedicated to the lives of our family and friends who suffered for our benefit.

Submit Creative Work

The SHAKERITE is planning to put out a literary issue this fall. If you are an artist, a writer, or a poet, submit your work to the SHAKERITE by September 14. All drawings should be in black ink. For more information, contact Burton Randall in Room 100, Virginia Harding, Eric Shaffer, or Liffie Sopher.

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Opinion

A Questionable Change

by Indre Liutkus

The Sharc club has been forced to undergo a change in policy which has aroused many negative reactions. As a result of this alteration the functioning of the club has been disrupted.

The new regulation, which requires all previous members of the club to try out again this fall, is causing a lack of spirit in the club in that it makes members very unsure of their continuing status in the club. It is ridiculous that members of the club who have devoted much time and effort should have to fear being ousted in their junior or senior years. It is also probable that sophomores who considered trying out for the Sharc club lost interest and joined another activity instead because of the new regulation. A high school club is supposed to give students a feeling of belonging, but the new Sharc try-out rule threatens to disown members and definitely does not encourage new participants.

A change which was supposed to make the election of executive board members in the club more fair by requiring that all new members be able to vote backfired. The new members could not intelligently elect leaders for the club because they did not know the senior members very well. Uninformed voting is a serious problem in the United States, but it is ludicrous that this problem should begin to exist in a high school club where it can be easily avoided.

The extant superior skill level should be maintained within the club. Responsibility for preserving a certain level of skill should be placed upon the Sharc members with the threat of being dropped from the group if the quality required is not

maintained or improved upon. After all, the Sharc members do take pride in the shows, and I believe the members would readily accept the responsibility for self-improvement.

The abolition of initiation practices in the high school, put into effect by the administration this year, detracts from the Sharcs club as well as several other groups. Initiation was a means of advertising the existence of a club in school, since students who were unaware that there was a Sharcs club were soon informed when they saw girls dressed in unusual outfits carrying buckets of water and doing ballet legs in the halls. As long as initiations do not disrupt learning procedures, they should be allowed, as they provide a connection between the school and the clubs.

If the Sharcs club had been given adequate time to discuss existing problems with the administration last spring, I am sure that compromises could have been established. A lack of spirit caused by discouragement would not have developed within the club. Since high school is supposed to be a bridge between adolescence and adulthood, the making of a school's club policy should include the club members, giving them a chance to prove their responsibility and maturity.

Sharc, the Shaker Heights Aquatic Recreation Club, is a synchronized swimming club which is made up of individuals who qualify in the try-outs. Sharcs put on two shows each year. One show is on the day before winter vacation, and the other is performed in the spring.



Kelth Williams & Peter Crystal



Debbie Donahey

Betcha never thought you'd make The Shakerite

Shaker Will Institute Minimum Competency

by Dan Schwartz

The Shaker Heights Schools are in the process of beginning Minimum Competency Testing throughout the school system.

Dr. Percy Clark Jr., the Assistant Superintendent of Secondary Education in the Shaker Schools, is the man chiefly responsible for the initiation of Minimum Competency Testing.

Minimum Competency is the amount of knowledge that is considered necessary for the survival of a person in society.

At the present time, the testing is still in the planning stages. The administration is working on the tests which will be given in all academic subjects. When the testing is introduced, however, it will be on a small scale, with only a few subjects being tested. It is believed that the tests will benefit only a minority of the students, but even if one student is helped the tests will be worth while.

It is important to point out that the testing will be taken slowly, one step at a time because other school systems have rushed into the testing and have done at best a poor job. With this in mind the Shaker schools have decided to take their time. It is hoped that the tests will begin sometime in April or May.

There is the capability to test at each grade level, but the school system doesn't want to overtest. As it now stands, the testing will take place at the end of third and eighth grades. The reason behind this is that early detection of problems in the child's ability to learn is a must. Therefore the third grade makes sense. The eighth grade is important because after this point it really becomes too late to do anything substantial about the problem.

The academic and social areas to be tested will eventually include math, science, social studies, English, foreign languages, reading, writing, physical education, music, all forms of art, and any other courses in which the student receives a grade and-or credit. Testing the social areas presents the greatest problem. It is very

difficult to evaluate a student's social behavior. Though each test will be administered by the teachers of the subject involved, the results will not have any effect on the students' grades in the course, or the teachers' future in the school system.

The tests are being written by teachers and administrators. The majority of the tests will come from the Shaker School system; however, a few commercially published tests will be purchased as well.

The only other result from the tests (aside from finding individual problems among students) will be a possible necessity to update or alter the curriculum.

The main reason the tests are being implemented, is due to an educational trend which is on the decline, in which it is the general belief that it will enhance our quality of education.

There is the possibility of the testing to become standardized throughout the state. But that should not occur for some time to come. And even if and when it does no problem should arise since Shaker Heights is far above the state and national averages anyway.

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James Berick

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be maintaining "the kind of schools we have in a changing economic world." He explained that public schools must get voter approval more than any other public system; taxes cannot be raised until a levy is placed on the ballot. The school system needs the support of the voters.

Mr. Berick emphasized that the school board's greatest responsibility is providing the best possible education for the students. "The proper goal of education is to open up horizons, to show what opportunities are available to students," he said, "The Shaker schools can offer opportunities for children from diverse backgrounds to be together and understand each

other; this goes hand in hand with educational advantages." He believes that schools should do what they can do best; that is, provide education for each and every individual.

Barbara Gray

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its own standards of competency in advance.

Mrs. Gray also emphasized the importance of the Adult Life Skills program, saying: "We have a responsibility as parents to insure that our children are fully prepared for the future." She added: "This is difficult because it is very hard today to even determine what the world for which students are being prepared will be like."

The new board member is an avid proponent of the Advanced Placement program. She feels it is important that parents and students be provided with sufficient information with which to make an intelligent level choice. She also encourages an annual review of students' levels to make certain that each one is electing the level from which he will receive the greatest challenge and the greatest return.

Mrs. Gray said that she works well with her running-mate, Mr. Berick, but stressed that they are now part of a team of five and will work within that framework.

When asked what message she would give the S.H.H.S. student body, Mrs. Gray responded that she would like to urge students to select a broad, full program of study, one which will provide for flexibility, and to participate at the highest level of difficulty practical.

Mrs. Gray and her husband, Richard, have lived in Shaker Heights for 12 years. Their son, David, is a junior at Shaker High, and daughter, Jennifer, is in the seventh grade at Byron Junior High. The Grays' three oldest children are all Shaker graduates.

Mrs. Gray is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, where she majored in Psychology and Education.

Besides her extensive P.T.A. involvement, which included board positions on the Malvern, Mercer, Byron, and High School P.T.A.'s, Mrs. Gray has also been active as a member of the Shaker Schools Students' Rights and Responsibilities Committee, and the PUSH-Excel Advisory Committee. She has been a Byron library volunteer, a Career Development liaison person, and a trustee of the Shaker Heights Youth Center.

Calendar

DECEMBER

- 1 SAT-ACH 8:00 a.m.
- 6-8 Tom Jones 8:00 p.m.
- 8 ACT 8:00 a.m.
- DECA Dance 8:00 p.m.
- 11 School Board Meeting 8:00 p.m.
- 15 Winter Formal 8:00 p.m.
- 18 Alumni Choral Concert 8:00 p.m.
- 19 Winter Break Begins

Debaters Succeed

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with extemporaneous speaking. Extemporaneous speaking is an event which calls for the participants to write, memorize, and practice a speech on a given topic in 30 to 40 minutes. Other competitors in this area included sophomores Jane Kaufman and Rob Kowal, and junior Henry Heasley.

Saturday, November 3, Shaker's Varsity debate team attended a tournament at Canton Central Catholic High School, and brought home a

Shaker Opens Tutoring Center

by Dan Rosenbaum

A tutoring center will open in the Shaker High School Library November 27. This center will provide a place in which students can study and obtain any help they might need. Certified teachers and volunteers will be available to tutor or answer any questions a student may have.

For its first month the center will be open to all students in grades nine through twelve. After the winter break the program will be expanded to include seventh and eighth graders. The center will be open Monday through Thursday from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

This service is being coordinated by William Trost with Mrs. Dolores Groves serving as consultant. Mr. Trost indicated that the first special session, one of many which will be offered, will help students review their test-taking techniques.

The tutors will work with small groups of students rather than do in-depth, one-to-one tutoring. A weekly schedule will be published showing when tutors from a specific subject area will be available. All students are encouraged to take advantage of this new program if they need help.

first-place trophy, with a 6-0 record. Members of the Varsity team, who competed were the teams of Mark Griffin and Edward Antoine, and Michael Scharf and Matthew Wall.

The following Saturday, November 10, Shaker debaters attended a tournament at Mayfield High School, placing first in the Varsity division, and second in the Intermediate division. The winning teams were first-year Varsity debaters Karen Swenson and Paula Tuffin, and Geoff Heller and Matthew Wall. The Intermediate teams included Carolyn Landever and Lisa Greber, and John Biek and David Biek.

In a Student Congress, held on November 10 at Mayfield High School, students modeled themselves after congressmen and debated bills. The students from Shaker who participated in this model congress were Karen Thornton, Bob Cohen, Viveca Malone, and Kathy Kleiman.

Once again, through the speech and debate team, Shaker's reputation for excellence is being upheld in Northern Ohio.

Trivia Answers

1. 751.
2. Benny Hill.
3. Laurel and Hardy.
4. Stalag 13.
5. Ringo Starr.
6. Disco Tech.
7. Dr. Pepper.
8. Sarek.
9. Michael Collins.
10. Phineas J. Whoopie.
11. Dr. Steven Kiley.
12. Dagwood Bumstead.
13. "Search for Tomorrow."
14. Fictional detective created by Dorothy Sayers.
15. Horatio Hornblower.
16. The Great Gazoo.
17. Elias.
18. He invented the Pet Rock.
19. Grand Fenwick.
20. Gertrude Stein.

Lecturer Speaks On Admissions

by Ann Walton

Richard Moll, Director of Admissions at Vassar College, gave a lecture about the college admissions process at Shaker on Wednesday, November 14. Mr. Moll approached college admissions from the viewpoints of both the applying student and the admissions board. He told the audience what each student should look for in a school and what each school looks for in a student.

Mr. Moll shot down myths that some students have about what colleges want. For instance, Mr. Moll brought up the case of unsolicited recommendations.

Marcoux, Reid to Star in Play

by Mara Sidney

Tom Jones, the Drama Department's first production of the year, will be presented on December 6, 7, and 8 at 8:00. The two leading roles, Tom Jones and Sophia Western, will be played by Ted Marcoux and Mary Reid.

The play, which takes place in 18th century England, is about a foundling named Tom Jones and his comical adventures. The plot mainly consists of Tom Jones' problems with his love, Sophia. Because he is so attractive, wherever he goes he finds women falling in love with him. He ignores them, though, since the only person he really loves is Sophia. Another major question of the play is the identity of Tom's parents.

Because of the number of people needed for the cast, Tom Jones is rarely performed. This is one reason that James Thornton, the director of the play, urges people to come see it. He considers it an excellent play and believes that this production will live up to his standards.

Although many students think that extra recommendations might make them look better to a college, Mr. Moll says that the general feeling at most selective schools is "The thicker the folder, the thicker the kid."

Mr. Moll emphasized the importance of the descriptive essay, saying that the essay may be the deciding factor for an otherwise average application.

Mr. Moll suggested that, when looking into a selective college, students should consult *The College Handbook*, which is put out by the College Entrance Examinations Board; *The Insiders' Guide to Colleges*, by the Yale Press; high school counselors and people connected with the college; and the college's profile of its present freshman class.

Mr. Moll has written a book on college admissions called *Playing the College Admissions Game*. Anyone interested in this guide may get an order form from Miss Orndorff, room 160.

Library Acquires College Cassettes

by John Hairston

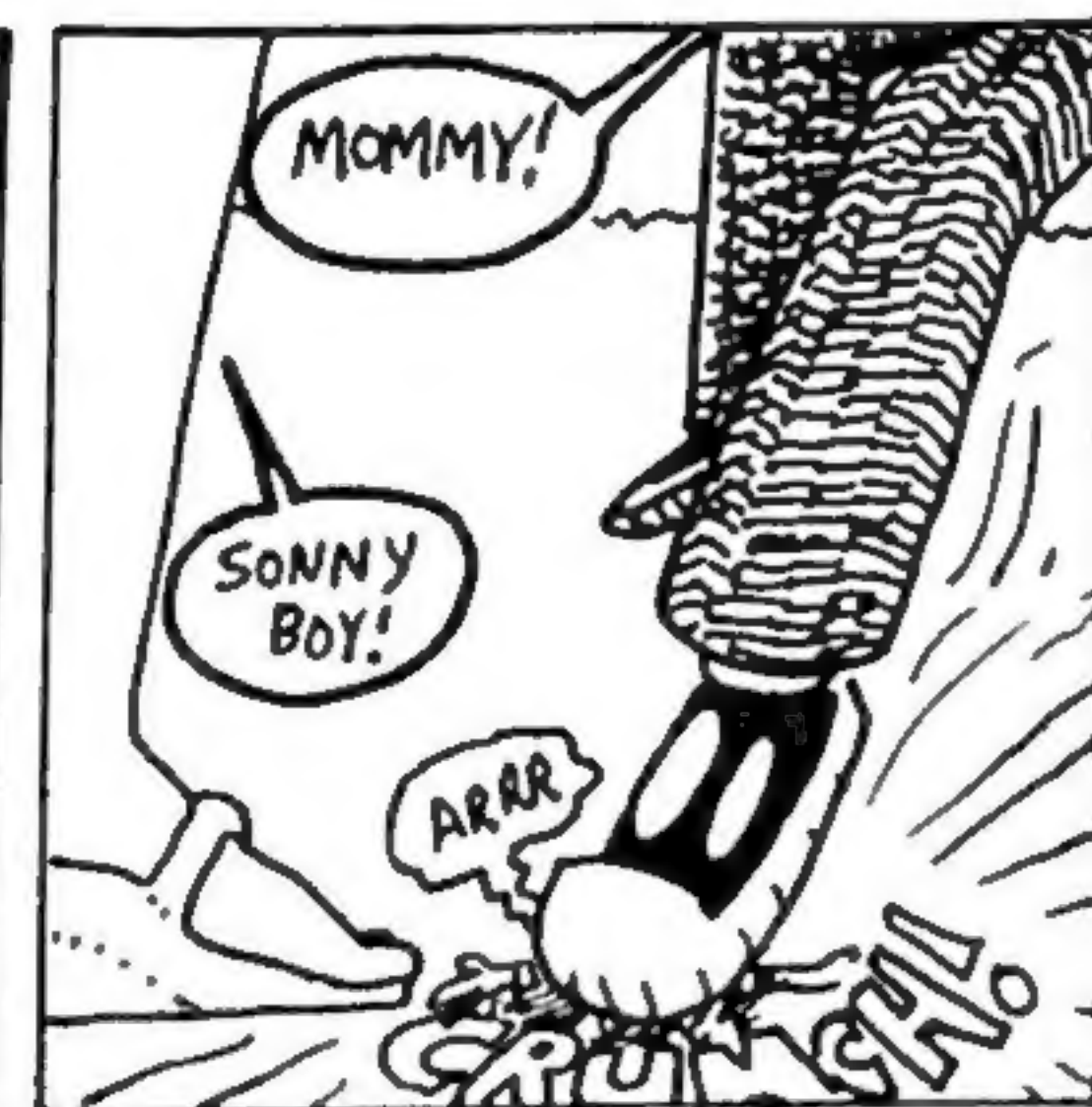
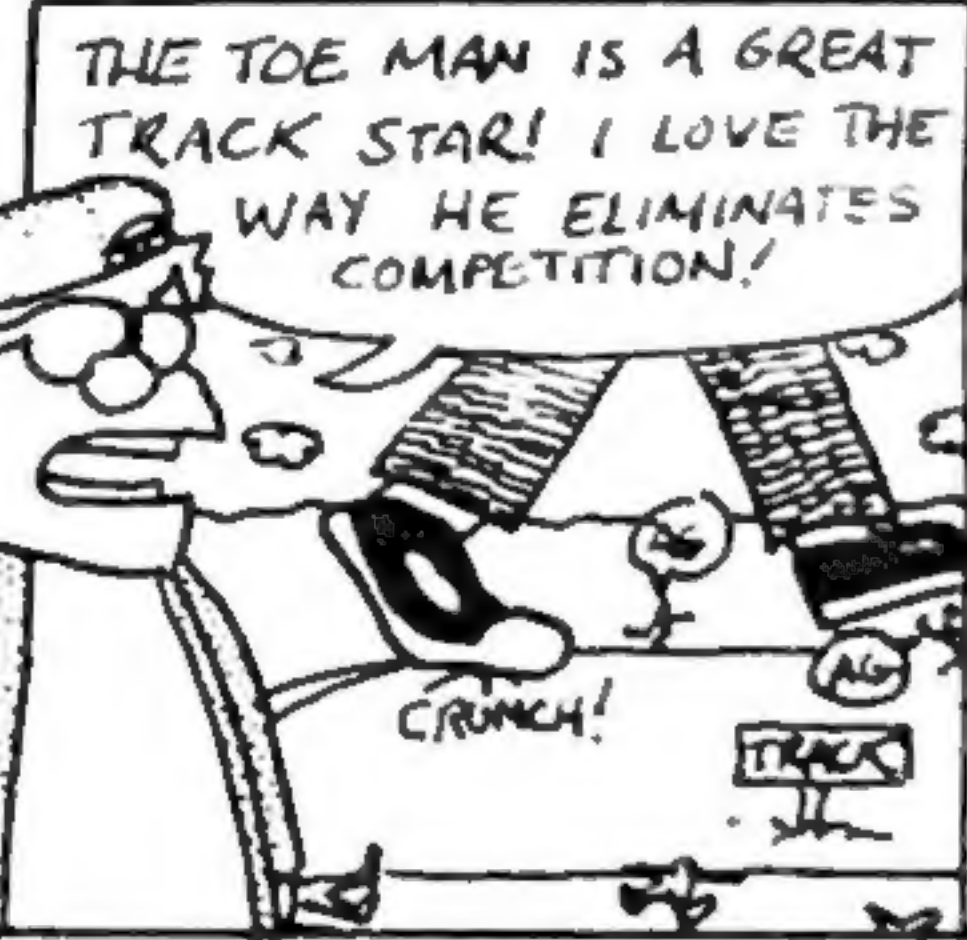
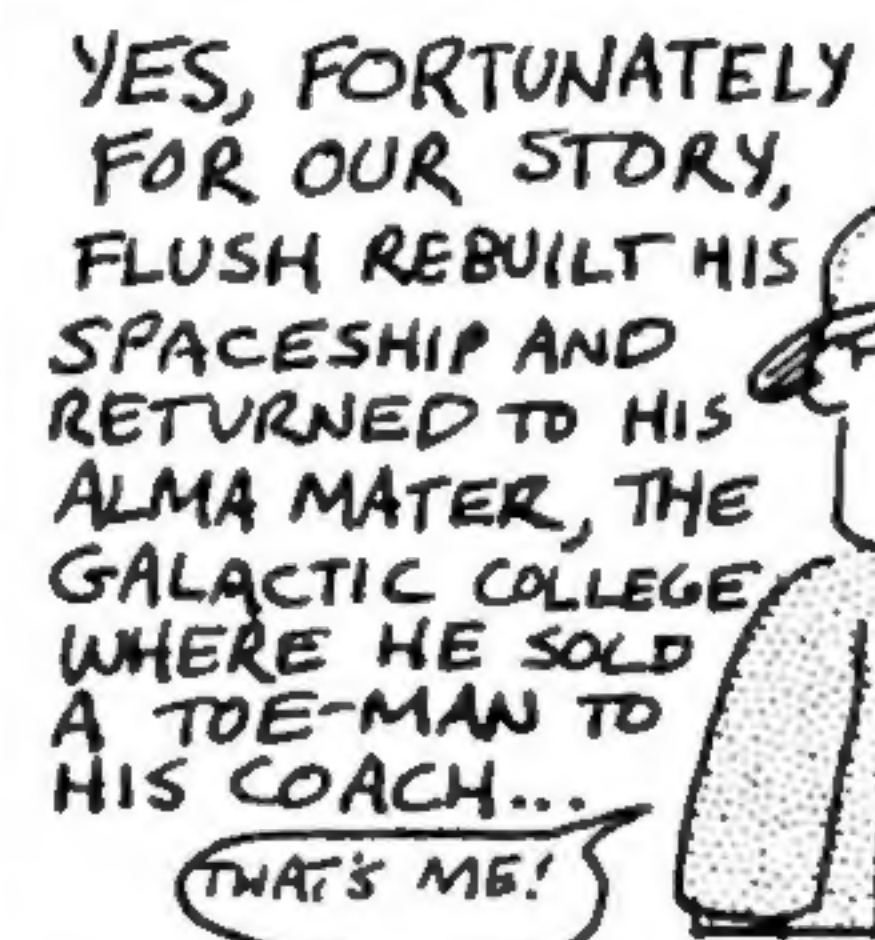
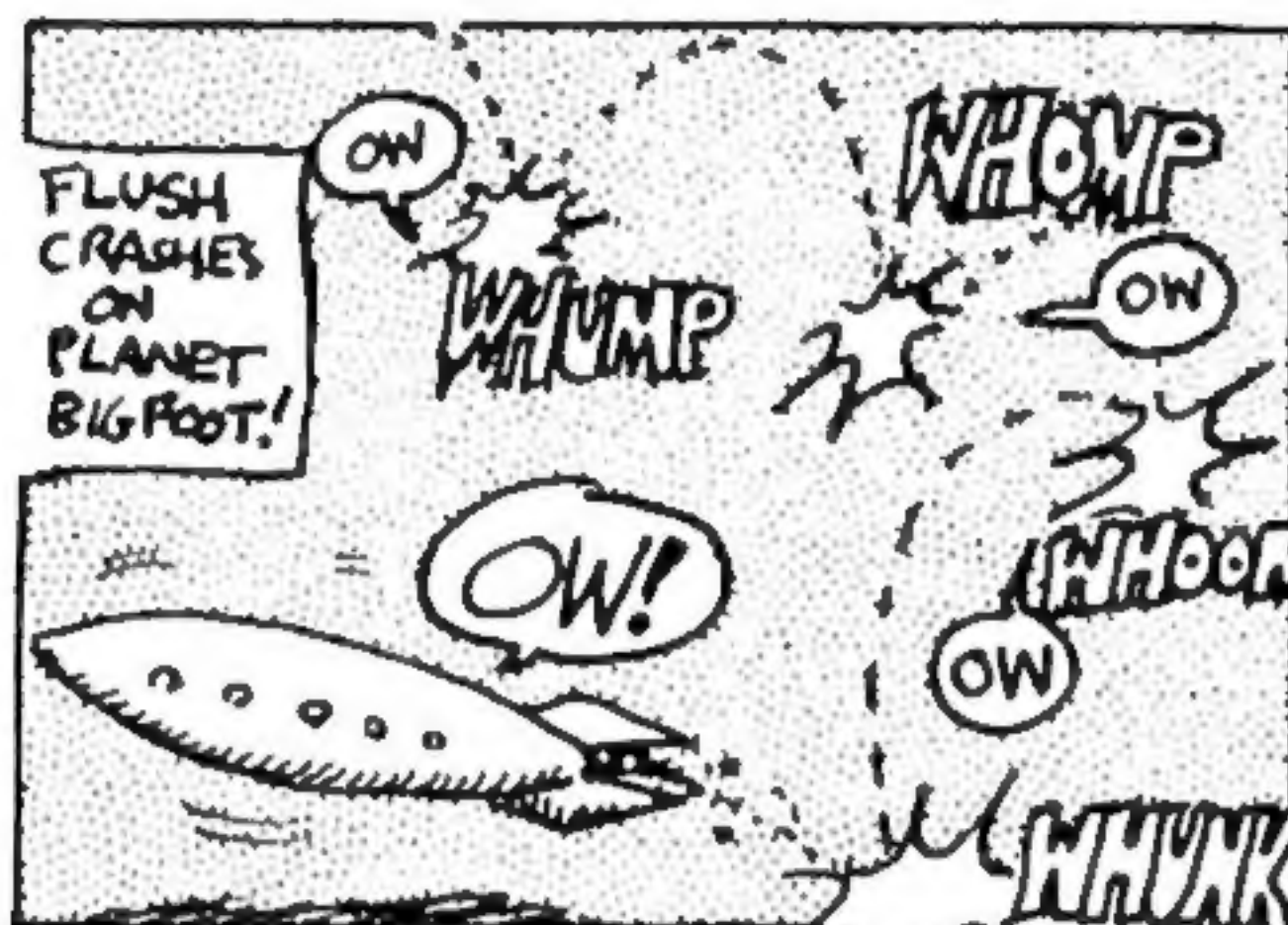
Shaker Heights High School has been selected as one of the few high schools in the country to receive the Collegiate Video Counseling Network. Colleges and universities have prepared videotape cassettes about their schools and have sent copies of the cassettes to the library here at Shaker. Mrs. Lois Miller or Mrs. Betty Thompson should be contacted to view these tapes. Students will be asked to fill out a survey card after viewing the tapes because the Network is interested in knowing how many students are using the cassettes, and which ones are in the greatest demand.

In addition to these tapes the library has a great deal of other information concerning colleges and careers which can be found in the college room.

Every student at Shaker should make it a point to use the facilities available in the college room in order that each may make an intelligent, informed choice about his college or career future.

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Terrific Trivia

by Craig Beresford

1. What is Dr. Robert Hartley's office number?
2. Who plays Fred Scuttle?
3. The Sons of the Desert is a nationwide fan club devoted to whom?
4. What is the name of the prison camp in "Hogan's Heroes"?
5. By what name is Richard Starkey better known?
6. According to the TV series "Batman," what university did Bruce Wayne attend?
7. Which came first, Coke or Dr. Pepper?
8. On "Star Trek," what was the name of Mr. Spock's father?
9. The crew of Apollo 11 was composed of Neil Armstrong, "Buzz" Aldrin, and ...?
10. What is the name of Tennessee Tuxedo's scientist friend?
11. What was the name of Dr. Marcus Welby's young colleague?
12. Who works for Mr. Dithers?
13. What is the all-time longest running soap opera?
14. Who is Lord Peter Wimsey?
15. What was the name of the British naval officer featured in a series of novels by C.S. Forester?
16. What was the name of Fred Flintstone's friend from the planet Zetox?
17. On the TV show "Buck Rogers," what is Dr. Huer's first name?
18. What is Gary Dahl's claim to fame?
19. Over what nation does Duchess Gloriana XII preside?
20. Who wrote The Autobiography of Alice B. Toklas?

DECA: The True Story

by Cheryl Morgan

DECA, the organization overshadowed by its successful doughnut and candy sales, wishes to reveal its true identity.

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) is an organization through which seniors gain first-hand experience in the job world. The DECA program includes in-class training, the planning of fund-raising events, (dances, candy and doughnut sales) and on-the-job training. Instructor Mark Leimsieder keeps the students under his protective wing, making certain the students are adapting to and learning about the real job world.

Mr. Leimsieder firmly believes in the organization. "It is most necessary in high school education. We all know that everyone doesn't go to college; however, almost everyone goes to work. So in the senior year, if not sooner, students should gain valuable on-the-job experience."

The DECA staff (Monica Newman, president; Deanne Green, treasurer; and Holly Prayor, secretary) plans to have an anti-shoplifting drive soon in several elementary schools, as an active effort to cut down crime and losses.

Mr. Leimsieder's final note to the school clears up many misconceptions about the class, students, and functions. "DECA is for everyone."

Now, everyone should know, DECA isn't full of doughnuts!



(Photo by Bill Mellin)

Monkeying around in A Capella choir. Pictured here are tenors Bruce Daniels (front row), Steve Ban, and Thornton Percy (second row); altos Alan Spero, Nancy Halbin (third row), Amy Kirkoff and Shane Nelson (fourth row).

Calling All Weirdoes

by Sheila Hall

From the depths of Shaker Heights High School has emerged the Shaker Weirdo Society. Its purpose is to promote individualism. It does this by enabling individuals in society to gather under the same banner and be together. The ultimate purpose of S.W.S. is to break down once and for all the barrier between normal people and "weirdoes."

The Society was founded earlier this year, when Mike Lynch and John Jordon got together and wrote a play. It now has over twenty members and two subsidiaries. The two subsidiaries are: Very Important Weirdoes and the Shaker Sane Society. Kevin Snipes and Marcy Brown are the respective presidents.

S.W.S. activities include cheering at home football games with its banner, weekend meetings, membership drives, a formal luncheon in the Spring and participation in International Weirdoes' Week. International Weirdoes' Week is the last week in November. Planning for that week is in progress.

Currently, S.W.S. is thinking of changing its name to The Shaker Crazy Society. If you would like to join, contact John Jordon, Mike Lynch, Robin Rustad, Allen Sickling or any other officer of S.W.S.

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Luna Eclipsed

by Ann Walton

Bernardo Bertolucci's latest film, *Luna*, seems to be a film without a cause. While a good film could be made concerning incest and drug addiction, to mention but a few of the many moral problems Bertolucci deals with in *Luna*, this movie is not it. It is a long (two hours and nineteen minutes), dreary film that keeps the viewer constantly asking the question "What is the point?"

By the time the film is three-quarters over, one realizes that one has absolutely no compassion or sympathy for any of the characters. It makes no difference whether the mother and son stop having sex, or whether the son ever finds his true father, because the film has not created any sympathy for its characters. The plot, what little there is of one, is both preposterous and inane. It concerns an adolescent boy (Matthew Barry), the son of a famous opera singer (Jill Clayburgh), who becomes addicted to heroin. His mother, whose motivations for such peculiar actions are never clearly explained, first offers to support her son's twice-a-day habit, and then offers to go to bed with him. If this sounds silly, it is because the entire movie is silly beyond repair.

The basic problem with *Luna* is the script. It is not only a weak plot, but also poorly written for film. What might have looked good on paper fails miserably on the movie screen. The dialogue is painfully mundane and quite stilted. For instance, during a funeral, the son walks up to a crying woman and asks "Would you please stop crying." When it becomes apparent that she will not, he steps on her toe. This is the only action in a scene which lasts at least two minutes. This is only one instance of a scene which has nothing to do with the plot whatsoever. The movie progresses, if it can be called that, from this early scene to many other similarly superfluous ones. Indeed, at times the entire movie seems to be superfluous. Bertolucci has allowed the movie to go in every possible direction, leaving it sadly without focus.

The movie is not, however, a total loss. The two stars work valiantly and tirelessly to try to save the movie from its fate. Matthew Barry does well as the addicted son, especially towards the end of the film. Jill Clayburgh is stunning. She somehow manages to make sense out of garbled lines and even more garbled motivations, and gives a performance that is certainly one of the finest currently playing in Cleveland.

This leaves one with a certain indecision in recommending the film. While I certainly cannot recommend the film for its plot or action, the acting is perhaps good enough to warrant its being seen. If you are interested in acting, I would say go to the movie, but do not expect too much else; but if you are looking for a good movie, I would pass *Luna* by, for despite its good director and many highly praising reviews, *Luna* turns out to be something like an eclipse.

Mid Autumn Night's Dream

by Keith Connor

Eight students, James Thornton, and Kathleen Howard of the Shaker Drama department recently attended the Annual Shakespearian Festival in Stratford, Ontario. They saw four of Shakespeare's plays: *Henry IV* - (parts 1 and 2), *King Lear* and *Love's Labour's Lost*; and Oscar Wilde's play *The Importance of Being Earnest*.

Peter Ustinov, who played the lead role in *King Lear*, talked with the Shaker group, which was an exciting experience for all.

The Shaker students returned to Cleveland via Toronto. While in Toronto, they went to the top of the Canadian National Tower (the tallest freestanding structure in the world) and visited the Casa Kina, a castle on the outskirts of Toronto.

Oh My Guinness!

EATING RECORDS

Baked Beans. 1,840 cold beans one by one, with a cocktail stick in 30 minutes by Michael Reynolds of Chelmsford, Essex, England, on July 29, 1976.

Bananas. 63 in 10 minutes by Michael Ballen, 23, in Cairns, Australia, on October 11, 1972.

Beer. Peter G. Dowdeswell of Earl's Barton, Northamptonshire, England, in 1975 broke all the beer-drinking records: 1 liter in 2 seconds on February 1; 2 liters in 6 seconds on February 7; and 2 imperial pints in 2.3 seconds on June 11.

Champagne. 1,000 bottles per annum by Bobby Acland of the "Black Raven," Bishopsgate, London, England.

Cheese. 16 oz. of hard English cheddar in 2 minutes 15 seconds by Peter Dowdeswell in London on March 12, 1977.

Chicken. 27 (2-lb. pullets) by "Boso" Miller at a sitting at Trader Vic's, San Francisco, California, in 1963.

Clams. 424 in 8 minutes by Dave Barnes at Port Townsend Bay, Washington, on May 3, 1975.

Doughnuts. 29 (total of 2 lbs. 12½ oz.) in 7 minutes, 16 seconds by Hany Rizk of Melbourne, Australia, on April 10, 1976.

Eels. 1 lb. of elvers (1,300) in 43 seconds by Leslie Cole, 37, at Frampton-on-Severn, Gloucestershire, England on April 13, 1971.

Eggs. (Hard-boiled) 14 in 58 seconds by Peter Dowdeswell in Corby, England, on February 18, 1977. (Soft-boiled) 32 in 130 seconds by Douglas L. Burch at Korbets Restaurants, Mobile, Alabama, on May 9, 1975. (Raw, without shells) 13 in 3.8 seconds by James Lindop in Manchester, England, on September 29, 1973.

Frankfurters. 23 (2-ounce in 3 minutes 10 seconds) by Linda Kuerth, 21, at Veterans Stadium, Philadelphia on July 12, 1977.

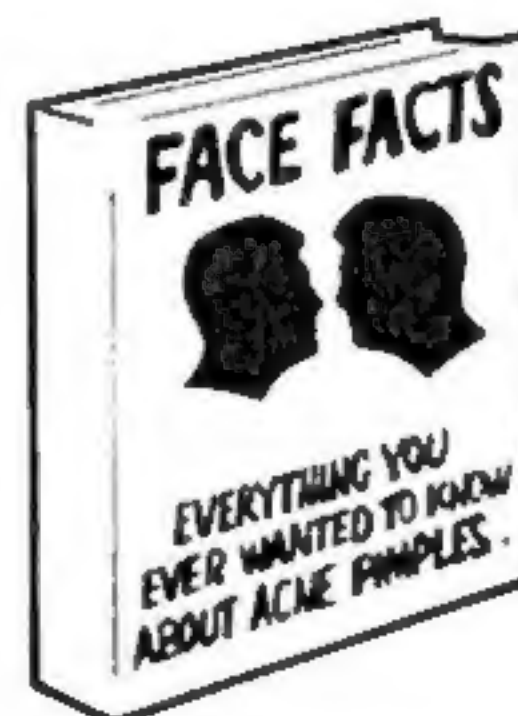
Grapes. 3 lbs. 1 oz. in 34.6 seconds by Jim Ellis of Montrose, Michigan, on May 30, 1976.

Lemons. 12 quarters (3 lemons) whole (including skin and seeds) in 24 seconds by Bob Blackmore of Lexington, Kentucky, on March 2, 1977.

Meat. One whole roast ox in 42 days by Johann Ketzler of Munich, Germany, in 1880.

Milk. One imperial quart (1.2 U.S. quarts) in 3.2 seconds by Peter Dowdeswell at Dudley Top Rank Club, West Midlands, England, on May 31, 1975.

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Volleyballers Win Districts

Old Nemesis Stow Conquers in Regionals

by Miriam Pickus

The Girls' Volleyball team finished its championship season with an 18-3 record. It ended up number one in the Lake Erie League, and won their District tournament before being ousted in Regionals.

This year the girls played a double round in the L.E.L. for the first time. They beat every team twice, except for Normandy and Parma whom they beat once each.

Shaker entered the District tournament as the team with the best record. They were scheduled to play John Adams in the first round; but, because of the teachers' strike, John Adams had to forfeit. Our spikers therefore met, and beat, Brush to tally their first win. Shaker then went on to beat a tough Regina squad in the semi-finals, 15-11, 15-12. Maple Heights, which had beaten Cleveland Heights in their semi-finals, was Shaker's last adversary in the quest for the championship. Shaker won the first game handily, 15-3. To begin the second game, however, the Raiders gave up

nine straight points before they rattled off fifteen unanswered points to take home the first place trophy.

Shaker travelled to Midpark a week later to play Stow in the first round of Regionals. That was the same situation that the team had been in last year. Unfortunately, the results were also the same. Stow out-spiked Shaker as they took the match 15-11, 15-7. Shaker does have the consolation of knowing that Stow was the ultimate victor in Regional competition.

Coach Lucy Burkett will lose Leslie Brown, Cecelia Haggard, Marilyn Olmstead, and three-year varsity players Ellen McWilliams and Hilary Beard. She will also lose junior Sue Tipton, who will be attending school in Switzerland in an A.F.S. program next year. She will have returning juniors Chris Hill, Kathy Swartzbaugh, Mary Lynn Garda, Naomi Hollander and Sandy Lee, and sophomores Laura Cubberly, Laura Tomlinson, Ann Reading, and Kris Rosselli. These players have the skill and experience to continue Shaker's volleyball success.

Hockey Season Starts

by Jeff Orloff

Along with November and the cold weather comes hockey, again becoming an important part of the Shaker High sports scene. As in past years the hockey team looks strong. Even so, the Raiders will have a tough time following last year's team, which finished with a 28-1-1 record, losing only to Centerville in the state finals.

The hockey team has eight returning lettermen from last year's squad after losing 13 seniors. The returning players are: seniors Macke Bentley (Captain), Mark Larue, Dave Genger, and Mike Berg; and juniors Mike Sload, Karl Mallin, and Pat Rosselli. The new

members of the team are: senior Brian Craig; juniors Allen Meller, Tom Hastings, Scott Wipper, Robert Norris, Simon Abrahams, Mike Calhoun, Andy Litkus, and Jeff Orloff; and sophomores John Small, Kevin Mallin, Mark Gunn, Dave Debout, and Robert Hart.

The Raiders start the season on a tough note facing Euclid and Cleveland Heights in the first two weeks. Although the hockey team lost thirteen seniors, which is a tough blow to any team, the hockey team again looks as if it will be a contender for the state championship.

Ohio Skiers Meet

by Lucy Drotning

The 20th Annual Ski and Winter Sports Fair was at Cleveland Public Hall on November 9, 10, and 11. The Fair was sponsored by The Plain Dealer and the Cleveland Ski Club.

The Ski Fair featured a disco ski fashion show, downhill and cross-country learn-to-ski demonstrations, the world's first octuple chairlift (which will be in operation at Brandywine), and continuous ski movies. In the main arena, films of past Winter Olympics were shown on a giant screen.

There were over 60 booths at the Fair representing airlines, ski areas from all over North America, ski shops and equipment makers, and radio stations. Representatives from northern Ohio's 46 ski clubs talked about ski trips, special activities, racing programs, and membership. The U.S. Ski Team was also represented by Holly Flanders, an "A" Team member and downhill specialist. She met with skiers and accepted Olympic Team Donations.

One of the Fair's top annual features is the Swap Shop, (operated by the Cleveland Ski Club), which is for skiers wishing to buy or sell used ski equipment at good prices. This year, the Swap Shop was held in an area bigger than last year's, making the crowds seem smaller, and the selection seem better.



(Photo by Debbie Urbach.)

A scintillating interception while Blake Martin prepares for a spill.

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First Time in 30 Years Shaker Wins League Championship

by Macke Bentley

The 1979 Shaker Heights High School football team won its first League Championship outright since 1949, 30 years ago. The team ended the season with a 6-0 record, putting them on top in the Lake Erie League standings. In 1961 Shaker shared the title with Shaw and Garfield.

Shaker's defense proved to play the biggest part all season long. In both the Lakewood and Normandy games the defense came through with clutch plays and touchdowns. Captain Orlando Lowry led the team in total defense with crucial plays in both games. Lowry is ranked as one of the top five linemen in the country and has his pick of any college he wants.

Six of this year's players made the All-LEL team including Orlando Lowry, Mike Berg, Joe Bordonaro, Blake

Martin, Terry Thomas and Danny White. (Orlando Lowry was also named the most valuable player in the league and in the school). Terry Thomas and Mike Berg were named most valuable back while Orlando Lowry, Joe Bordonaro and Blake Martin and Bill Bertman were honorably named most improved players.

Not all the credit can be given to a few players because football is a team sport. Besides the offense and defense there are the specialty teams. The specialty teams consist of kickoff and return teams, punting, and punt return squads.

Congratulations to veteran coach Al Raymond, who kept the team at an emotional and physical high all season. He deserves this championship as assistant coaches Ed Tekieli, Ed "Zip" Zednik, and Fred Heinlen.



Shaker's fierce linebacking corps. (Photo by Debbie Urbach.)

New Coach Strengthens Team

by Ron Farhi

A brand new coach, two transfers, and an expanded schedule are the new aspects of this year's Varsity Basketball squad. The defending Lake Erie League champions face last season's 15-4 mark with only five returning lettermen: seniors Orlando Lowry, Kevin Newbill, Steve Murphy, and Ken Roy, and junior Jim Tait. Their significant contributions will be augmented by the addition of newcomers Arne Morris and Eric Smith.

Morris, a 6'3" forward, comes from Benedictine where he played JV as a freshman. Smith is a 5'8" junior guard who played varsity at St. Ignatius. This season's varsity stands out for its bench strength. Assisting the starting five are talented senior guards Michael Adams and Rich Hitchens. Junior guards with hot hands include Mike Lilly and Darryl Ferrell. At the forward spot, seniors David Payne and Ken Veal clear the boards well. Rookie mentor Don Gacey is no stranger to the public eye. Gacey took Cathedral Latin to three straight state championship appearances.

Despite the drop of two schools by the LEL this year, the Raiders will still play 14 league games, but their overall schedule has been stretched from 18 games to an even 20. Using a sophisticated offensive attack, the Raiders will be running a dozen different plays. Defensively, a ferocious back-court press is their principal weapon.

Most of the players feel that duplicating last year's success is a strong possibility. The boys work well as a team and have shown a lot of promise in dismantling West Tech, Gilmour and Painesville Harvey in scrimmages. Coach Gacey and Assistant Coach Charles Richard look to Cleveland Heights and Parma as posing the stiffest competition to the Raiders.

Correction

In the last issue, Lelia True was given credit for scoring 21 goals during this year's field hockey season. However, she scored 23 goals, tying the record for most goals in one season.

Leimsieder Takes Over

by Miriam Pickus

The girls' basketball team is led this year by new head coach coach Mark Leimsieder. Leimsieder was the junior varsity coach for the last two years. He is now assisted by Norton Perry.

This year's team consists almost entirely of juniors. They are: Teri Diamond, Yohnta Dickerson, Sandy Lee, Mary Murphy, Bobbi Short, Sue Tipton, Marge Williams, and Lelia True, who was an all L.E.L. player last year. The only other class represented on this year's varsity squad is the senior class. The seniors are: Heather Cairns, Eve Israel, Cindy Macklin, Berteena Rollins and Lori Webster. Many of these players have had one year experience on varsity, so they should be prepared for the rigorous season.

The girls were hoping to begin their season on November 28 against Collinwood, but because of the Cleveland teachers' strike, the first game was scheduled for December 1 at Shaw.

Mr. Leimsieder hopes the girls will master the fundamentals of offense and defense, which make for a winning team.

Center Provides College Counseling

by Stephanie Creed

For the past three years, Shaker has provided a little-known service to seniors and their parents. Mrs. Jewel Painter, an advisor to the Cleveland Scholarship Program here at Shaker, has helped those students who seek aid in filling out Financial aid forms, college applications, and various scholarship applications.

Mrs. Painter provides general college information, (such as deadlines for various forms, programs available, and requirements for such programs) checks completed forms for mistakes, and follows up on students who have won awards to ensure that they receive the full amount possible. Parents are also welcome to discuss any problems about students forms or their own forms. Each form is different, and each family has specific difficulties. The service that Mrs. Painter and CSP provides can help save students' time and money. Students and parents can make appointments with Mrs. Painter in Room 224 or by calling 921-1400, extension 410.

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